



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Senior Corps Week

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week underscores that older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week reminds us that, for more than four decades, Senior Corps and its three programs—RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents—have proven to be highly effective ways to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week underlines that each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 2,750 in Hawai'i, to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week recognizes that Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 82 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety by building capacity for organizations and communities through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based groups nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week raises awareness that, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps Week highlights that service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems; and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 19-23, 2014, as

“SENIOR CORPS WEEK”

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in thanking Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of May 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i